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1. THE TWO NETHERLANDS ANTILLES (NA) GOVERNMENT AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH NARCOTICS CONTROL ARE POLICE AND CUSTOMS. REPLY TO QUESTIONS PARA 5 REFTEL DEALT WITH SEPERATELY FOR EACH SERVICE AS CURRENT TRAINING FACILITIES AND FUTURE NEEDS ENTIRELY DIFFERENT.

2. NA POLICE HAVE SMALL BUT EFFECTIVE ACADEMY FOR ENTIRE NA POLICE FORCE WITH AVERAGE OF 70 NEW CADETS TRAINED PER YEAR. CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN SHORTLY ON NEW FACILITY WHICH WILL ALLOW FOR INCERESED NUMBER OF CADETS TRAINED AND WILL INCLUDE DORMITORY TO ENABLE 24 HOUR ACADEMY ATMOSPHERE.

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3. POLICE CADETS GIVEN ONE YEAR TRAINING FOLLOWED BY SIX MONTHS TRAINING AFTER ONE YEAR ON FORCE. SUBSEQUENT PRO-MOTIONS REQUIRE 6 MONTHS OF NIGHT STUDY FOR EACH GRADE.

4. CURRENT NARCOTICS TRAINING PROGRAM ESTABLISHED 1974 IS ONE TO TWO WEEKS DURATION AND INCLUDES ALL NEW CADETS.

SINCE 1974 54 PERCENT OF 800 MAN POLICE FORCE HAS ATTENDED NARCOTICS TRAINING COURSE EITHER AT ACADEMY OR GIVEN BY MOBILE TRAINING TEAM.

5. NARCOTICS TRAINING PROGRAM VERY INTENSIVE AND COVERS ALL ASPECTS OF ILLICIT NARCOTICS TRAFFIC: HISTORY, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, SEARCH, ARREST AND SEIZURE. COURSE MATERIALS ARE DIRECT TRANSLATION OF DEA NATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE MATERIAL.

6. TWO INSTRUCTORS AT ACADEMY HAVE RECEIVED DEA NARCOTICS TRAINING. OTHERS TRAINED IN HOUSE. ACADEMY INSTRUCTORS EXTREMELY COMPETENT WITH STRONG CAPABILITIES FOR NARCOTICS INSTRUCTION PARTICULARLY IF INSTRUCTOR TRAINING COURSE MADE AVAILABLE.

7. LOCAL TRAINING EFFECTIVE IN INCREASING AWARENESS OF METHODS FOR COMBATING NARCOTICS TRAFFIC AT ALL LEVELS OF POLICE FORCE AND WAS CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IN THE OVER 400 NARCOTICS ARRESTS IN 1975.

8. HIGH COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, ACADEMY SUPERINTENDENT AND ACADEMY INSTRUCTORS EXTREMELY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT POSSIBLE INSTRUCTOR TRAINING PROGRAM FEELING THAT INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT WOULD HAVE GREATER IMPACT ON ENTIRE POLICE FORCE AS OPPOSED TO LIMITED EFFECT OF INDIVIDUALS TRAINED BY U.S. TO DATE. HOST GOVERNMENT WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO SUCH PROGRAMS. MOST EFFECTIVE APPROACH WOULD BE INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT TRAINING IN U.S. OF ACADEMY INSTRUCTORS. TRAINING SHOULD INCLUDE NOT ONLY INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT BUT ALSO UNCLASSIFIED

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CURRENT METHODS OF NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS AREA.

9. NA HAS PROVIDED NARCOTICS TRAINING TO ANTIGUA AND PLANS COURSE IN ST. KITTS IN JANUARY 77. FUTURE NARCOTICS TRAINING FOR OTHER SMALL ISLAND NATIONS POSSIBILITY WITH CAPABILITY LIMITED BY SIZE OF ACADEMY AND BUDGET RESTRAINTS.

10. CUSTOMS SERVICE HAS NO INSTITUTIONALIZED TRAINING FACILITY AND NO NARCOTICS TRAINING PROGRAM. TRAINING OF CUSTOMS PERSONNEL CONDUCTED BY EXPERIENCE CUSTOMS OFFICERS WITHIN NA.

11. TO DATE APPROXIMATELY 30 CUSTOMS OFFICERS TRAINED BY U.S. ALTHOUGH TRAINING HAS INCREASED THESE OFFICERS ABILITY IN NARCOTICS FIELD, EFFECT OF TRAINING LIMITED TO OFFICERS TRAINED AND NOT SPREAD THROUGHOUT CUSTOMS SERVICE. THESE MEN RESPONSIBLE FOR LARGE SEIZURES OF ILLICIT

DRUGS BUT DIRECTOR OF TAXATION (HEAD OF CUSTOMS) FEELS CUSTOMS
HAS ONLY FOUND THE TIP OF AN ICEBERG OF ILLICIT NARCOTICS
TRAFFIC.

12. HOST GOVERNMENT WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO INSTRUCTOR TRAINING
PROGRAM. MOST EFFECTIVE APPROACH WOULD BE INSTRUCTOR DEVELOP-
MENT TRAINING CONDUCTED IN THE NA. TRAINING WOULD HAVE TO
INCLUDE INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT AND CURRENT METHODS OF NARCOTICS
ENFORCEMENT PLUS ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE ON ALL ASPECTS OF
ESTABLISHING TRAINING PROGRAM.
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